

SENATE BILL 1776

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to Tri-Star Scholars.

WHEREAS, every student in Tennessee should graduate high school prepared for postsecondary coursework and qualified for quality employment; and

WHEREAS, industry credentials are representative of the learning a student has mastered through the successful completion of an aligned career technical education course or program of study; and

WHEREAS, offering industry credentials and other early postsecondary opportunities that allow students to earn college credit helps to expand the portfolio of available options for students at various levels; and

WHEREAS, strong character, reliability, and dedication are habits worth recognizing as necessary for success in postsecondary and career pursuits; and

WHEREAS, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act provides funding to states and local school districts to cover the cost of industry credential exams; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Work Ethic Distinction Program promotes the importance of work ethic among high school students and awards students who successfully demonstrate a number of standards; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6010, is amended by redesignating subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding:

(2) A student who fulfills the requirements of the Tennessee work ethic distinction program must be recognized as a Tennessee Tri-Star Scholar upon graduation from high school.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.